

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, the specification was amended to include a cross-reference to the related applications. Applicants also amended the specification to update reference to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/909,746 to its current designation as issued U.S. Patent No. 6,776,831. No new matter was added.

In order to expedite disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number below to resolve any issues. Should there be a fee due which is not accounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 501447 (Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP), as well as any additional fees or credit any over-payment.

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